

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
June 4, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	TC Clements, Trustee
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor	Craig Montri, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Rick Steiner, Trustee
Paul Francis, Treasurer	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Manning, Finance Director

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer led by Bob Tienvieri.

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

No one came forward to speak.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to close the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Montri, Francis, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Manning explained budget changes. Montri questioned one entry which was a typo and will need to be adjusted next meeting. The need for a Capital Improvement Plan was also discussed and will need to come back to a future meeting. Tienvieri stated she will be voting against this budget because she doesn't believe the method used is transparent for residents and because there are insufficient dollars spent on services for the public. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the General Fund Appropriations Resolution for fiscal year 2019/2020, as presented with the understanding that one number needs to be amended and brought back as a budget adjustment. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Absent: none.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET - Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Wayne Moshier, 7502 Wilfred – asked about employee's salaries in the budget. Pirrone answered his question.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to close the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Montri, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Manning explained a new fund was set up for fire equipment due to the recently passed millage. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the Special Revenue Funds Appropriations Resolution for the fiscal year 2019/2020, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Montri, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Montri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The May 21, 2019 Township Board Minutes;

Appointment of Toni Morrin to the Library Advisory Board for a partial term ending 12/31/2019;

Appointment of Aaron Adler to the Library Advisory Board for a partial term ending 12/31/2019;

Appointment of Nicholas Mariano to the Fire Board of Appeals for a 1st term ending 6/30/2022;

Appointment of Larry Porter, II to the Fire Board of Appeals for a 1st term ending 6/30/2021;

Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve the consent agenda with items A, D and E and to move items B & C, the appointments to the Library Advisory Board, down under New Business. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION HONORING THE BEDFORD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Hershberger read the Resolution honoring the Bedford Beautification Committee and presented one to each member. Board members thanked them for their hard work and commitment over the years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – praised the members of the Beautification Committee.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – supports summer hours for the Township.

Wayne Mosier, 7502 Wilfred – spoke about changing Township hours.

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel – spoke to changing Township hours.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$13,639.37, Fire District-\$7,496.05, Police Fund-\$1,199.42, Park Fund-\$14,242.66, Transit System Fund-\$18,265.00, Library Operating Fund-\$6,714.27, Indian Acres SAD-\$9,763.35, Mildred Ave. SAD-\$259.13, Lewiston Estates SAD-\$6,474.10, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$77.75, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$348.90, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$850.00 for a total of \$79,330.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Clements, Steiner, Montri, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PERIOD JULY 2019 THROUGH JUNE 2020 – Tienvieri stated the MTA is the most impactful organization that Township Governments can rely on. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the MTA membership annual dues covering July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for \$6,698.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUMMER HOURS FOR THE TOWNSHIP – Different scenarios were discussed, but Board members would like more information before making a decision. Phone logs, foot traffic numbers and energy costs for a Friday vs a Monday was requested to be brought back to the next meeting, along with a specific proposal which could be tested and then reappraised after Labor Day.

APPOINTMENTS TO TOWNSHIP BOARDS – After reviewing the applications received, Tienvieri recommended Wendy Steinman as a candidate for the Library Advisory Board. Toni Morrin application revealed she would be interested in serving on other boards. After verbal confirmation from Morrin, motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to appoint Toni Morrin to the Communications/Media Committee for a 1st term. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Francis, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Montri to appoint Aaron Adler and Wendy Steinman to the Library Advisory Board for partial terms ending 12/31/2019. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Montri, Clements, Francis, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to the summer hours discussion.

Wayne Moshier, 7502 Wilfred – spoke to the summer hours.

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel – spoke to the summer hours and asked about a Police millage.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – asked about the purchase of three new police cars in the budget. Pirrone answered her question.

Clements – reiterated that a Capital Improvement Plan needs to come back to the Board and thanked everyone who steps up to serve on a Township board or committee.

Montri – questioned whether roads were considered a capital improvement; mentioned that it sometimes looks like the Board is unorganized when they discuss an issue, but that is because they discuss it openly at meetings instead of behind closed doors; and gave a short update on the Library Advisory Board.

Steiner – reminded people to slow down and watch out, as motorcycles, bicycles and even walkers are out.

Francis – let Montri know that road improvements are not capital improvements because Bedford does not own the roads so they are considered road maintenance, and spoke about the benefits of a Capital Improvement Plan.

Hershberger – mentioned Samaria Day is Saturday, June 8th starting at 9:00 a.m., thanked those who joined boards tonight, let residents know the Township Newsletter would be coming out in the next edition of the Bedford Press, and praised the Beautification Committee members for all they have done for the Township.

Pirrone – stated that in Bedford Township, the Board doesn't make changes without first discussing it; the next Business Summit will be June 21st at the Bedford Junior High with Brian Calley as the guest speaker; the TAP grant is going out for bid this week; the Board needs to start thinking about the future of the Maintenance building; thanked Francis for sending out dates for a Policy meeting; and thanked the ISD students who have been working at the Township building this past semester.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary